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TITLE OF INVENTION: WAVEFORM GENERATION METHOD, RADAR DEVICE, AND OSCILLATOR FOR RADAR DEVICE

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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 630 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 630 day(s).

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## **Drawings**

1. The drawings filed March 21, 2006 are acceptable.

# **Priority**

2. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

#### Information Disclosure Statement

- 3. The information disclosure statement filed March 21, 2006 has been entered and considered. An initialed copy of the PTO-1449 by the Examiner is attached.
- 4. The information disclosure statement filed June 6, 2006 has been entered and considered. An initialed copy of the PTO-1449 by the Examiner is attached.

# Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-5 are allowed.

### Examiner's Reasons for Allowance

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art fails to render obvious the claimed radar device including, inter alia, varying input data into a D/A converter by a minimum conversion unit or by a unit obtained by multiplying the minimum conversion unit by an integer and a voltage of a desired waveform varying with time series become substantially equal to each other, a time control means for giving the input data to the D/A converter at the timing, and an oscillation means for varying an oscillation frequency in accordance with a variation of the D/A-converted voltage, as operatively interconnected and functionally claimed and provides a waveform generation method and radar device which are capable of improving the accuracy of a waveform to be generated, even when a D/A conversion element, such as a resistor, etc. had numeric irregularities. Clearly the prior art does not provide for the claimed system.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### Conclusion

- 7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The cited prior art show various radar systems.
- 8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John B. Sotomayor whose telephone number is 571-

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272-6978. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom H. Tarcza, can be reached on 571-272-6979. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/John B. Sotomayor/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3662